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DUTCH OFFENSIVE IN INDONESIA

Attack On Republicans Opens By Air And Land

Nursing Sister's Amazing Escape

A British nursing sister, Miss Wheeler, of Bowen Road Hospital was trapped in the rear compartment of a taxi when it rolled over the edge of the Praya near the Star Ferry into the Harbour shortly after 5 o'clock last evening.

She was rescued by a Chinese crew member of a passing police launch who promptly dived into the water together with the driver of the taxi, Chan Chow of 47, First Street, Ground Floor. Together they got Miss Wheeler out of the car and into the Police launch where she remained in semi-conscious condition until an ambulance took her to Queen Mary Hospital.

Eye witness accounts of the accident revealed that the driver had climbed out of the taxi to give the passenger her change and open the door for her when the vehicle suddenly rolled over the edge of the Praya.

At Queen Mary Hospital last night, Miss Wheeler's condition was reported to be fairly good. It was added that she was suffering from the effects of immersion.

Wave Of Violence In Haifa

Jerusalem, July 21. Deafening explosions shook the port of Haifa early today and one in the British security zone reportedly damaged the Royal Air Force radar station as the Jewish underground carried into the second day a renewed wave of violence.

At least 25 Britons and Jews were injured in widespread fighting throughout the Holy Land.

The first bombing was near the Stella Maris Convent and the radar station.

British troops went into action against extremists, fighting pitched battle over a wooded area between the Convent and Carmel Avenue. Five underground attackers were wounded, one seriously. He was captured and reportedly confessed that he and 49 other underground members intended to blow up the radar station.

(The Exchange Telegraph reported the radar station suffered only damage to minor equipment).

The violence apparently was inspired by the interception of the steamer President Garfield carrying 4,500 Jewish refugees and their departure for internment camps at Cyprus. It was first reported that the Garfield was returning to the French port from which it sailed but it was learned early today that the ship would proceed to Famagusta, Cyprus.—United Press.

EXPRESS DERAILLED

London, July 21. Four passengers were killed and about 80 injured today when the engine and four coaches of a crowded London Liverpool express were derailed at Polworth, Warwickshire.

Most of the casualties occurred in the first coach, which was assaulted after leaving the tracks. The injured were sent to hospitals. The engineer and fireman were not injured.

The wreck occurred around 9 a.m. United Press.

Heavy Fighting At Bandoeng

Batavia, July 21. The Indonesian News Agency says that Dutch aircraft bombed and strafed Indonesian Republican airfields throughout Java simultaneously with the launching of land operations on a broad front. The agency said the aerial attacks were designed to neutralise the Republic's small air force of some 40 former Japanese planes.

First reports of large-scale land fighting came from the Bandoeng area where the Indonesian News Agency said the Dutch had launched a heavy attack on prepared Republican positions.

The agency said that the Dutch, in an attempt to strike westward toward the rich Sundanese lands, had encountered stiff opposition and had called for aerial support.

The Dutch also were reported hammering Indonesian positions with mortar fire.

Guns heard in the direction of Reksa River perimeter indicated there was a clash about eight miles east of the city and there were two flurries of shooting near the British Cricket Club on the south edge of Batavia.

A Dutch officer reported the first casualty was an Indonesian who tried to escape a Dutch patrol in the Pengangshan district.

The first objective of the troops here was the Indonesian radio station, which was seized without resistance.

Widespread Air Raids
The Dutch News Agency said that Dutch air attacks had extended as far eastward as Malang, resort centre about 400 miles from here, where Dutch fighter planes were reported to have made two "ferocious attacks" on the Bogor airfield.

The agency reported that Dutch aircraft had attacked a Republican Army depot at Magelang, in Central Java, and had strafed trains at two points in Republican territory.

Other low-flying planes were said to have dropped pamphlets at various points urging the civil population to remain calm, warning against any attempt at a "scorched earth" policy and calling upon the civil authorities to aid their people by co-operating with the Dutch Government.

Antara quoted General Soekarno, Indonesia Army Commander in the capital, Jogjakarta, as saying that sharp fighting was under way at Semarang, north coast city 250 miles east of Batavia, and that the Dutch were attacking not only along front lines, "but also in the interior"—a statement that suggested the possible use of airborne troops or parachutists.

"Although there has been no official declaration of war, it is, however, clear that the Dutch in reality have declared war upon the Republic," General Soedirman was quoted as saying. He added that "the initial Dutch attacks were received with calmness and discipline," and appealed to the Indonesians to rally to the defence of the republic.

Batavia, Calm
Batavia, meanwhile, remained outwardly calm, following the flurry of excitement which developed on Sunday night when Dutch troops seized Republican communications and buildings in a surprise move.

A.K. Gan, Republican Deputy Premier, acting Foreign Minister, and other Indonesian representatives were under house-arrest and newsmen were forbidden to try to see them.

The Dutch imposed a dusk-to-dawn curfew in the city, and ordered all local industries to cease using electric power so it could be conserved for use in homes during a period "when lighting is essential."—Associated Press.

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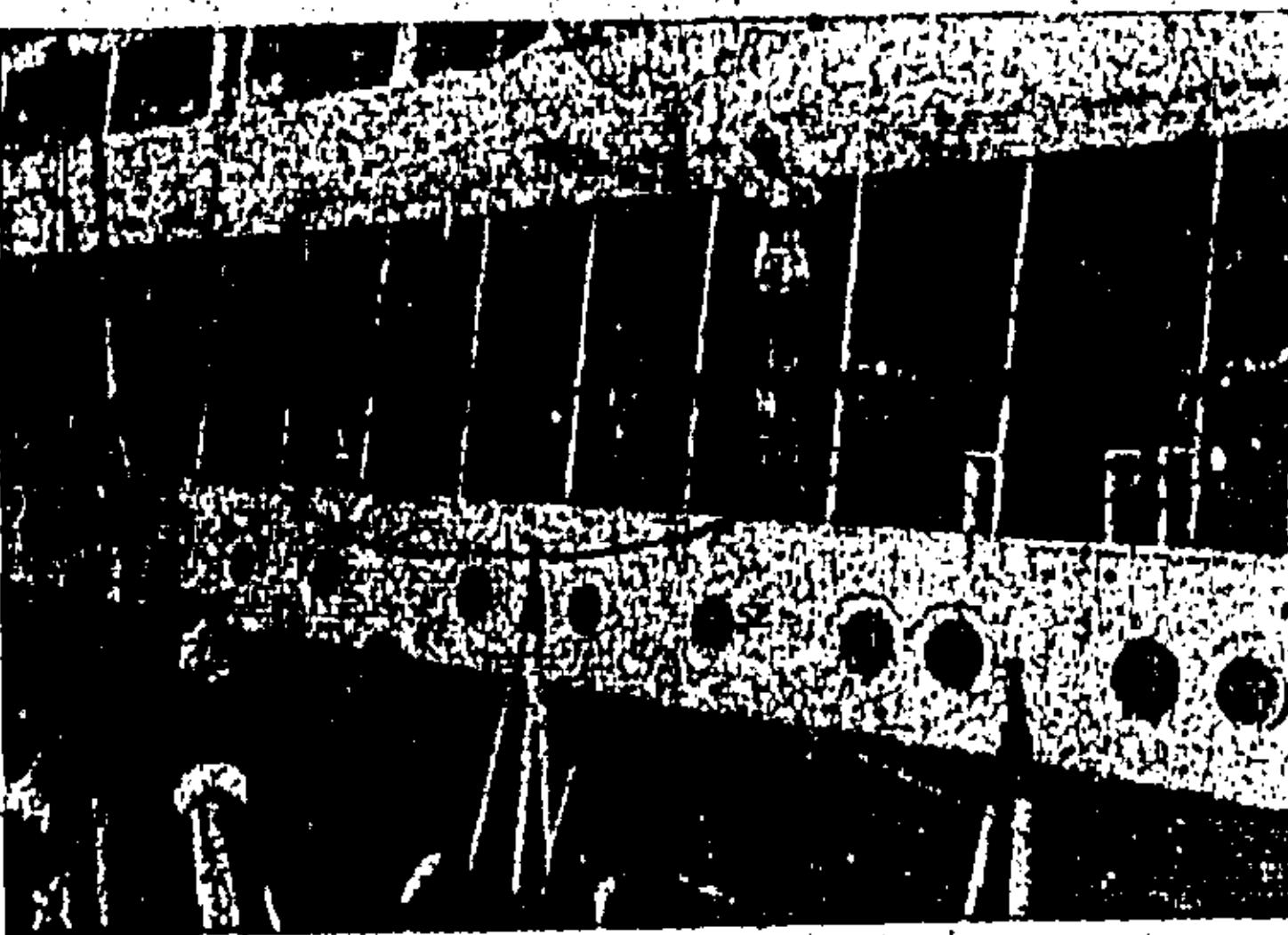
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HONG KHENG RESCUE



The "China Mail" has obtained the first pictures of the dramatic rescue by British and American warships of some 1,800 passengers from the ill-fated steamer "Hong Kheng" which ran aground on Chitang Point and suffered total loss. In the above photograph, taken from H.M.S. "Hornet" which was making an abortive attempt to come alongside, in heavy seas, passengers can be seen clinging to the rails. Part of the destroyer is in foreground and aboard the "Hong Kheng," standing on the rail, is Lt. Fitzroy Williams, R.N. (Other pictures in Page 10)

France To Try To Keep The Peace

Paris, July 20. France, the "traditional messenger of peace," would "do all in its power to keep the United States and Russia from lining up one against the other," said the Prime Minister, M. Paul Ramadier, today when he addressed the Socialist Federation of Perpignan and added, "Already in different parts of our continent, we see signs of a hundred wars. If we allow these rivalries to develop, it is we, the old Europe, which will disappear. We must dispel Russia's mistrust so that she will consent to be reintegrated in Europe."

Criticizing Russia's refusal to take part in the Paris economic conference on the Marshall plan, M. Ramadier said: "Russia cannot help but be European. We will do everything to conduct her to the place reserved for her. Europe cannot consent to an amputation."

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Obviously reacting to the warning yesterday by Mr.

George Marshall, the United States Secretary of State, that France should not allow her personal considerations of German problems to interfere with the success of the Paris economic conference, M. Ramadier said: "We are not of those who went to eliminate Germany for always from the European community. But it is our duty not to forget the tragic lessons of yesterday."

Victims First

"It seems to us that France,

Britain and Belgium, Norway

and all those who fought against

Germany have an indisputable

right of priority. We, old

Europe, tell young America:

Victims must come before

slaughters".

M. Ramadier added: "German

recovery can only come after ours.

Our priority has been proclaimed

and asserted. It must now become fact. Germany must

only receive what is strictly

necessary to her."

"American aid can bring us

our salvation if we are capable

of firing it and if we can induce

dissidents to go back on

their refusal."

Paying tribute to socialism, the Premier said: "It is a great victory for socialism that

Socialists are today at the head

of the French, British and

Belgian Governments, and that

they are capable of assuming

their responsibilities.

"It is through socialism that

European balance and civilization

can be preserved. Any

weakening of socialism would

lead Europe into danger. Thanks

to Socialist management of

European affairs, we can have

confidence."—Reuter.

THE WEATHER

Weather conditions this week in the E and S areas and in the S.E. and S.W. areas of China and the E and S areas of the Philippines.

Today's Forecast: Light to moderate SW winds, mainly cloudy, with showers.

Yesterday's Weather:

Maximum: 88.0 deg. F.

Minimum: 78.1 deg. F.

Rainfall: 1.6 mm.

Cloud: 100%.

Wind: 15.5 m.p.h.

Visibility: 10 km.

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Today's Events

July 22—Rotary Club luncheon, 12:30 p.m. Speaker: Hubert Liang on "International Understanding."
July 22—A debate arranged by TUC II at Talbot House on the State and Liberty, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

July 24—Hong Kong Football Club Annual General Meeting, 6 p.m.
July 24—Hong Kong Football Association Annual General Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
August 7—H.K. & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd. annual meeting, noon.
August 12—H.K. & Shal Hotels annual meeting, noon.

Variety At The Fleet Club

Those aristocrats of comedy, Fred and Peggy Bryant, who are at present in Hong Kong under the auspices of C.S.E., have arranged to give an hour's entertainment to service personnel and their wives at the Fleet Club Theatre tonight at 8 p.m.

The entertainment has been arranged at short notice and endeavours have been made to let as many know as possible. Admission is free. After their present contract with C.S.E., the Bryants expect to settle in Australia, and the crew of the Australian Cruiser Hobart, at present in port, will no doubt be there in time to give an Aussie reception to these Royal Command Performers.

Jim Brophy, the well known local pianist and entertainer, has gladly consented to act as accompanist. It is also hoped to include in the programme other well known local vocalists.

FERRY ASSAULT

Yan Fong, 29, painter, and Tsang Yim, 32, painter, were both fined \$25 and bound over in the sum of \$50 to be of good behaviour for 12 months when they appeared before Mr. Connelly at Central yesterday. They were charged with assaulting Wong Ying Kan, ferry ticket collector, and trying to evade paying the correct fare.

NEW SYSTEM OF FIRE ALARMS

Network Of Public Emergency Posts For Colony Efficiency Of H.K. Brigade

Hong Kong possesses one of the most modern and efficient fire brigades of any city east of Cairo. A thorough survey of its fire prevention equipment, personnel training, and five main stations, shows that the postwar standard of the Colony's fire service is higher by far than many cities which have had equivalent opportunities of rehabilitation.

Among future plans to lessen the fire risk in the Colony is a modern, public fire-alarm system comprising a network of 100 emergency posts to be placed at various spots in Hong Kong and Kowloon. This new communications service will replace the prewar fire alarm system which was destroyed during the occupation. Two sets of fifty alarm boxes will be erected in the more densely populated and factory areas, both in Kowloon and Hong Kong. The public will be able to communicate with the nearest fire station by breaking the glass and pushing the knob.

According to Mr. W. Mc. Smith, Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, in the event of two or more alarms being sent through simultaneously from different places (which is likely to happen in the case of a big fire) there would be no confusion.

The location of the alarm operated is recorded by code on a tape in the watch room of the fire station and the exact date and time of the alarm is also recorded. The alarm posts, which have been on order from Britain for some time, are expected to be delivered before the end of the year.

Also on order from the United Kingdom is a new fire engine complete with steel fire escape and pump.

30 Engines

At present, the fire brigade possesses a total of 30 fire engines, including two mechanical ladders, each 100 feet long and two emergency tenders, which carry special apparatus such as acetylene cutting plants, self-contained breathing equipment and other emergency equipment.

Four of the other engines carry pianial 60-foot fire escapes in addition to smaller ladders. Each appliance is fitted

with a pump of varying capacity from 600 to 1,200 gallons a minute. As well as these fire engines, two fire boats are in commission for dealing with fires on board ships in the Harbour.

This equipment is stationed in the five stations scattered in the residential areas of the Colony, and is handled by a total staff of 388 men. There are also smaller fire engines and groups of firemen located in nine outlying districts in the New Territories and surrounding Islands.

Training School

At the moment, the entire Brigade is in process of converting its engines back to the original red paint of pre-war days, the wartime measure of painting them grey having now become unnecessary.

To maintain its present degree of efficiency, the Fire Brigade has a recruiting training school in operation in Wan Chai where instruction is given in all the latest methods of general fire qualifications, life-saving and general practice work.

Being a fireman in Hong Kong is apparently a full-time job, for daily routine

drills are carried out in all of the Colony's stations and in addition to carrying on their ordinary fire duties, the men are also employed in the Brigade's own workshops as carpenters, sail-makers and painters.

Dangerous Goods Storage

One angle of the Fire Brigade's work which receives a considerable amount of attention is the prevention of fires. In this connection, no less than 1,982 inspections of garages, theatres, factories, schools etc.

have been carried out in the first six months of this year by qualified officers.

The storing of dangerous goods under wrong conditions is the main reason for these inspections. Three of the most dangerous are kerosene, petrol and chemicals, and inspections are carried out either at the request of the Labour Officer or other Government Departmental staff. Visits to new schools are also made by the fire inspection branch at the request of the education office with a view to supervising the number of exits available in the case of emergency.

Worst Month

Altogether, the Colony's fire stations have received 161 fire calls between January and July of this year. None was of a serious nature but eleven were due to house collapses which involved the deaths of nine people, and injuries necessitating hospital treatment to 31 others.

"Worst" month this year for fire calls was March, when 37 were recorded.

Said Mr. Mc. Smith yesterday: "Normally the winter is our slack period in Hong Kong. This is due largely to the use of chaffers in homes, open fires and also electric radiators in office buildings."

Stating firmly that all fires are preventable, however, Mr. Mc. Smith went on to give one or two hints on how not to start them. Here they are:

Some Hints

"Care should be taken that curtains and other material do not come in contact with open fires through being blown by the frequent gusts of wind or by the breeze from a fan, especially in the summer time."

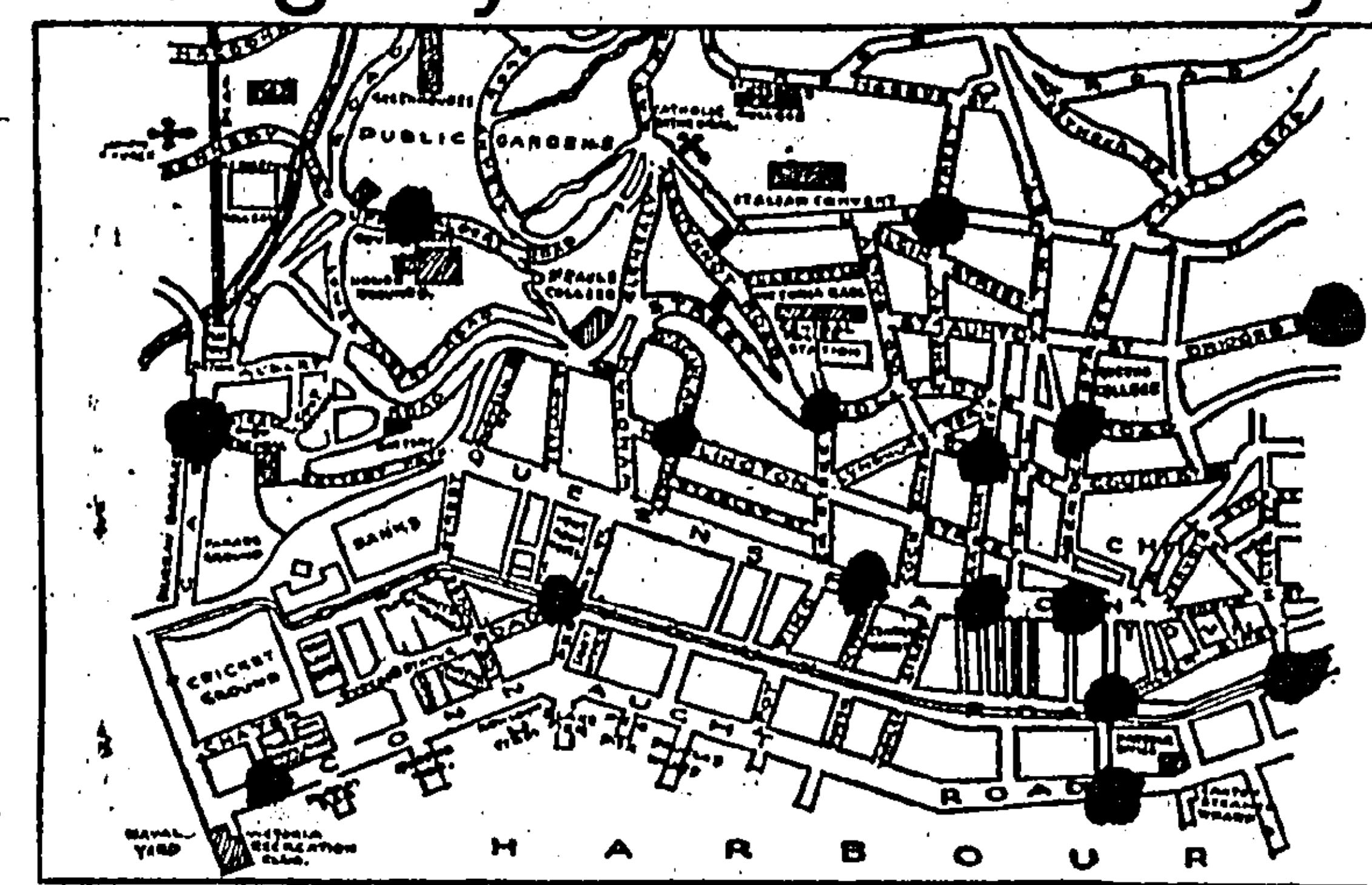
"In the winter, the use of open and electrical fires for heat purposes should always be properly supervised. All inflammable oils should be stored in accordance with the regulations, and if they are used in households for domestic purposes, the greatest care should be taken that they do not come in contact with open flames."

"In the case of low flash liquids being used in the house, there is very great danger of explosion as well as fire. The explosion would result in the scattering of burning liquid all over the house and probably result in a major conflagration."

"Among the everyday causes of fire which can be avoided so easily, are the flaring-up of mosquito nets through carelessness, smoking in bed, and falling asleep, the indiscriminate throwing down of lighted matches and fusing electric."

Reader's Letters

Sir.—Request a reporter be sent to the Star Ferry Company to elicit a statement on the measures which the ferry company intends to adopt to improve the ferry service. If anything, this service has deteriorated a great deal during the last month, so much so that it requires at least forty minutes to cross over from Kowloon to Hong Kong in the mornings.



Here are 10 spots in the centre of the city where authorities believe the new public fire alarm posts will be erected. This plan however, may be subject to later alterations.

Triad Society And A Waitress

Fan Ching-hon, 21, owner of the Vick Fung Bicycle Shop, Canton Road, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr yesterday on a charge of aiding and abetting an unknown Chinese to demand with menaces the sum of \$100 from Fung Sau-cham, waitress.

On the accused being convicted, DSI Clifford Pope said that "there is quite a lot of these triad societies but, unfortunately, no reports are made to the Police. It is only now and then that someone has the courage to report."

Pope said that Fung Sau-cham was approached by an unknown Chinese male at the Li Lung Teahouse, Canton Road, on June 3 and asked whether she was a member of any triad society.

Continuing, DSI Pope said that defendant was present but took part in the conversations.

When she replied in the negative, she was "advised" to join in the San Yee On. The entrance fee was \$100, she was told. If she refused to join she had better be careful" as she could not obtain a living as a waitress, all teahouses being connected with that society.

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On July 10, went on DSI Pope, Fung was talking to another woman, Leung Fung, in the Chan Heung Teahouse, Canton Road, when the same Chinese went up and told Leung that if Fung owed her money she should assault her.

The complainant spoke sharply in return and the Chinese struck her. She called for help and her assailant ran off outside defendant's bicycle shop. Defendant appeared and told complainant not to abuse her assailant as he was his "Kau Bar," or protector.

A report was made to the Police and defendant was arrested by PCC Lam Kam-yui.

In evidence, defendant declared that he was inside his shop when he heard a commotion. Going out he saw a lot of people and told them to go away as they were interfering with his business.

He denied that he told Fung that he was her assailant's "Kau Bar." He did not even know who the other man was, nor did he hear the demand for \$100 being made, although he was sitting at the same table as the other man.

In reply to DSI Pope, accused said that he did not know the meaning of the term "Kau Bar." He was not a member of any triad society. Although he had heard the name "San Yee On" mentioned, he did not know whether such a society actually existed.

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Arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel yesterday included Mrs. M. Dobson, Mrs. and Miss T.G. Gray, C.H. Theobald, C.E. Hall, Mrs. K. Conover, H.H. Lee, G.R. Bijoor, Cecil Wilson, Col. A.V. Murphy, Norman Kling, Horner E. Lin, Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Solomon, Mrs. A. Kelsey-Jones, Lt. Col. F. Little, Leonard Chun, S.S. Lum and D. Chung.

Passengers who departed for Manila yesterday in the Cathay Pacific Airways included Mrs. Irene Cassel, for Manila, and for Singapore via Bangkok on Sunday were:

Chua Ko, Chua Un Sung, Te Oh Pi, Chua Sui, Ng Tian Slong, Ching Ching Hua, Ong Tong, Chua San, Li Lian, Wong Chin, Shen Sy Kee, Chu, Yang Wen Wing, Gao It, Gao Eusebio Wing, Joaquin Yang, Dee Si Kiao, E.F. Tan Quintic, L.F. Tan Quintic and Mrs. E. Tanburn.

Passengers who departed for Manila yesterday in the Cathay Pacific Airways included Mrs. Irene Cassel, for Manila, and for Singapore via Bangkok on Sunday were:

Man Ka-tai, 38-year-old woman, was fined a total of \$370, or 10 weeks' imprisonment, when she pleaded guilty before Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday to the possession of three taels of raw opium and 18 lbs. of Chinese prepared opium at the K.C.R. Station at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday. Inspector Oren prosecuted.

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Acute Tension In Rangoon

Murders Plunge Burma Into Confusion

Armed Troops Patrol The Streets

Rangoon, July 20.
Tonight, 36 hours after the mass assassination of six key figures in the Burma Government, lorry-loads of troops with mounted machine-guns are patrolling Rangoon and the police are combing the city for the killers.

The police have arrested Thakin Ba Sein, a former Executive Council member and leader of the Doba (Burma for Burmans) Party, who with U Saw had opposed the agreement which seemed to have brought Burma to the threshold of independence.

A demonstration in sympathy with the murdered Ministers was, meanwhile, staged today by the other Opposition Party, the Communists.

Seven new members of the Executive Council, headed by Thakin Nu, Vice-President of the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League, the Government Party, were sworn in today to fill the places of their fallen colleagues.

Nearly 100,000 people had earlier lined the streets to watch, with downcast faces, as the funeral procession of their leader, U Aung San and his six Cabinet colleagues passed on its way to Rangoon's Jubilee Hall, where U Aung San is to be buried.

Burma has been plunged into confusion by the murders which have provided the most serious crisis in the country's history.

Black Sunday

The people of Rangoon walked the streets on this "Black Sunday" in fear and suspicion—so nervous that the bursting of a motor-car tyre caused wild panic—while lorry-loads of fully armed troops, with machine-guns, drove the streets and soldiers guarded Government offices and strategic points.

Among the many rounded up by the police during the night within ten hours of the assassination were 20 prominent members of U Saw's Mochit Party, whose headquarters were also raided. Three members of the Mochit Party's private army were killed and some seriously wounded in battles which raged at U Saw's home.

U Saw, who is 46, took part in the Burmese Constitution Mission, headed by U Aung San, to London in January last and when the delegation finally reached an agreement with the British Government, U Saw refused to be a party to the settlement. He resigned his portfolio in the Governor's Executive Council shortly after his return to Burma.

Rangoon Uneasy

Meanwhile, under the shadow of the national tragedy, Rangoon was nervous and uneasy. The rumblings of a political storm had been in the Burmese air for some time, but not even the most gloomy prophets had forecast anything so sudden and sensational.

Opponents of the Anti-Fascist League had been freely talking of "the coming armed struggle" and the "revolt of the people" against the League, but Government leaders were, meanwhile, offering assurances that they were "prepared for any eventualities."

A few hours before today's assassinations, a Cabinet member told Reuters Correspondent: "We know those disgruntled elements, having failed in all constitutional methods, are now trying a subversive campaign.

"They may try all their tricks—strike, sabotage, anything. We are prepared to face them all, for we know that at least 85 per cent of the people are backing us.

"We have also the assurance of all necessary assistance from

PREMATURE JUBILATION

Budapest, July 20.
Budapest newspapers, which hailed the return of 400 Hungarian prisoners of war from Yugoslavia ahead of schedule as a brotherly act of an allied nation, today found their rejoicing premature.

The Social Democratic paper "Nephava" reported that a screening of the prisoners disclosed that all were Hungarians who had joined the German Army.—United Press.

comrades strewn all over the place."

He then talked confidently of Burma's future and said: "It will take us some time to get over the effects of this tragedy, but there is no cause for undue anxiety on the part of the public." The Government is in full control of the situation, and we shall certainly track down the criminals who slaughtered our leaders."—Reuter.

Developments In Few Days

Officials in Rangoon predicted that sensational developments might be expected within the next few days.

The Socialist Party and People's Volunteer Organisation were already seeking a new government headed by Thakin Nu, President of the Constituent Assembly and leader of the Burmese goodwill mission to Britain, and it was expected to be formed within a day or two.

The ladies of U Aung San, deputy chairman of the Executive Council, and other assassinated members will be taken today to "Jubilee Hall." No date was set for their funeral.—United Press.

Incredible

New Delhi, July 20.
Mr. Gandhi speaking at his prayer meeting tonight of yesterday's assassinations of seven Cabinet Ministers in Burma said that "it is incredible that the very people who had fought for Burma's freedom, and had brought her to its threshold should have been murdered in cold blood by assassins. I am afraid it is not an ordinary murder but had political ambition behind the act. Such doings have become a part and parcel of political strife the world over, and it does not auger well for the future of humanity."—Reuter.

The Council had just begun its session on Saturday morning when four gunmen in military uniform forced open the door of the Council Chamber and rained volleys of Sten gun fire on the assembled Ministers. In the twinkling of an eye the Council Chamber became a slaughter house, one of the survivors said.

There was a pool of blood with dead and dying men lying all over the place. "I fainted away and awoke in hospital. I still cannot believe that I am alive," he said.

U Aung San did not regain consciousness after he collapsed on the floor from his chair, and some survivors said that he died on the spot.

His body was the first to be removed to hospital. Five other Ministers died in hospital.

Bodies All Over The Place

U Ba Gyan, Burmese Youth Leader, who miraculously escaped assassination, said: "I really cannot remember all that happened in those two fatal minutes."

Looking tired when he was released from hospital, U Ba Gyan said that he had the presence of mind to lie prostrate on the floor when the assassins started "the fireworks" and he suffered only slight injury.

"It was an incredible but unforgettable experience," he said. "I do not think I could even recognise the assassins if I saw them again. All I can remember—and I shudder to think of it—is a pool of blood with bullet-ridden bodies of my beloved

SIX F.A.A. FLIERS KILLED

Melbourne, July 21.
Six members of the First Aircraft Squadron of the Royal Navy were killed on Sunday and several injured during exercises in Port Phillip Bay, Victoria.

The names of the casualties will not be released until the Admiralty has notified the next of kin.

Four aircrew members of HMS Theseus were killed when two Fireflies collided in flight off Frankston in Port Phillip Bay soon after lunch. Later a Seafire crashed on Theseus' deck while landing, killing a seaman. Almost simultaneously, a Seafire attempting to land on HMS Glory floated over the wires and crash-landed, injuring two seamen, one of whom died.

Then a Firefly from the Theseus piled up when landing at Point Cook aerodrome. The occupants were not seriously injured.

The day's accidents resulted in the loss of six planes.—As-

Ministry Of "Electric-Economy"

Belgrade, July 20.
A new Yugoslav Ministry of "Electric-Economy" has been created under Dr. Nikola Petrovitch, former Minister of Foreign Commerce, as part of an electrification programme under the five-year plan.

This change in Marshal Tito's Cabinet was announced today.

Meanwhile, Dr. Porovitch, formerly chairman of the Planning Commission for Serbia, has taken over the Foreign Com-

merce post.

The new department of Electric-Economy is divorced from the Ministry of Industry.

Since electrification is one of the key aspects of the five-year plan for industrialisation, Dr. Nikola Petrovitch, who is an en-

Belgrade By-Passing Port Of Trieste

Belgrade, July 20.
While the Trieste Demarcation Commission is still working out a solution of the Free City's boundaries, Belgrade is going ahead with plans to bypass the port.

Two simultaneous announcements disclosed Yugoslavia's intention to develop Flume as a rival to Trieste, and to purchase 13 small vessels by Yugoslav shipping firms from Italian shipyards for delivery to Flume.

According to Belgrade, Flume is able to extend more favourable conditions to states in the hinterland. Links have already been established with the Czechs through low tariffs and favourable conditions in the payment of transportation costs.

Plans are afoot to extend this preferential treatment to other Danubian countries. If that happens, Trieste, the Free City, will require subsidies from Western Powers to keep going.

The strategy as dictated so far by Belgrade is sound. While the boundaries squabbles continue, Marshall Tito is working to set up Flume as an

PLAYED "BOOLA BOOLA" FOR HITLER Now Warns USA Against Russia

Ulfing, July 20.
Putzi Hanstaengl, who played "Boolah Boolah" on the piano for Hitler but claims he was a secret agent and close friend of President Roosevelt, today warned the United States against Russia, as he once warned Hitler against Russia and later warned the United States against Hitler.

"You must never underestimate Russia," he said. "The examples of Napoleon and Hitler should be enough."

In 1923 and later, he added, "I warned Hitler against Russia. In 1943, while working in Bush Hill, Virginia, as a secret propagandist for Roosevelt, I warned him not to underestimate Hitler."

Putzi is a tall, lean man with thick hair, hollowed cheeks and protruding forehead. His full name is Dr. Ernst F. Sedgwick Hanstaengl. He explained that he was a 60-year-old writer, art dealer, pianist and — at different times — adviser to both Hitler and Roosevelt.

Sitting in his quiet, antique Ulfing home, Putzi broke into his story to explain that he was "wild about rowing and also swimming".

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Warned Hitler

He first met President Roosevelt in 1937 at a Groton School function. He said he got to know the late President well in 1931 over breakfast at the Harvard Club in New York. Back in Munich in 1932, Putzi met Hitler, got to know him during the next ten years and was foreign press chief for the Nazi Party from 1932 to 1934.

However, in 1932, he said, "John Franklin Carter was sent to Berlin. He asked me to collaborate with the United States in the interests of world peace, to try to soft-pedal Nazism and to keep in touch with Ambassador William Dodd in Berlin.

"I was able to warn Hitler against war. He listened, but he also listened to others. It became very difficult to keep in touch with Ambassador Dodd. I still had vague hopes of preventing a catastrophe, but they were completely shattered in 1934 with the Roehm purge and the death of Hindenburg, the only man Hitler feared."

Escaped Purge

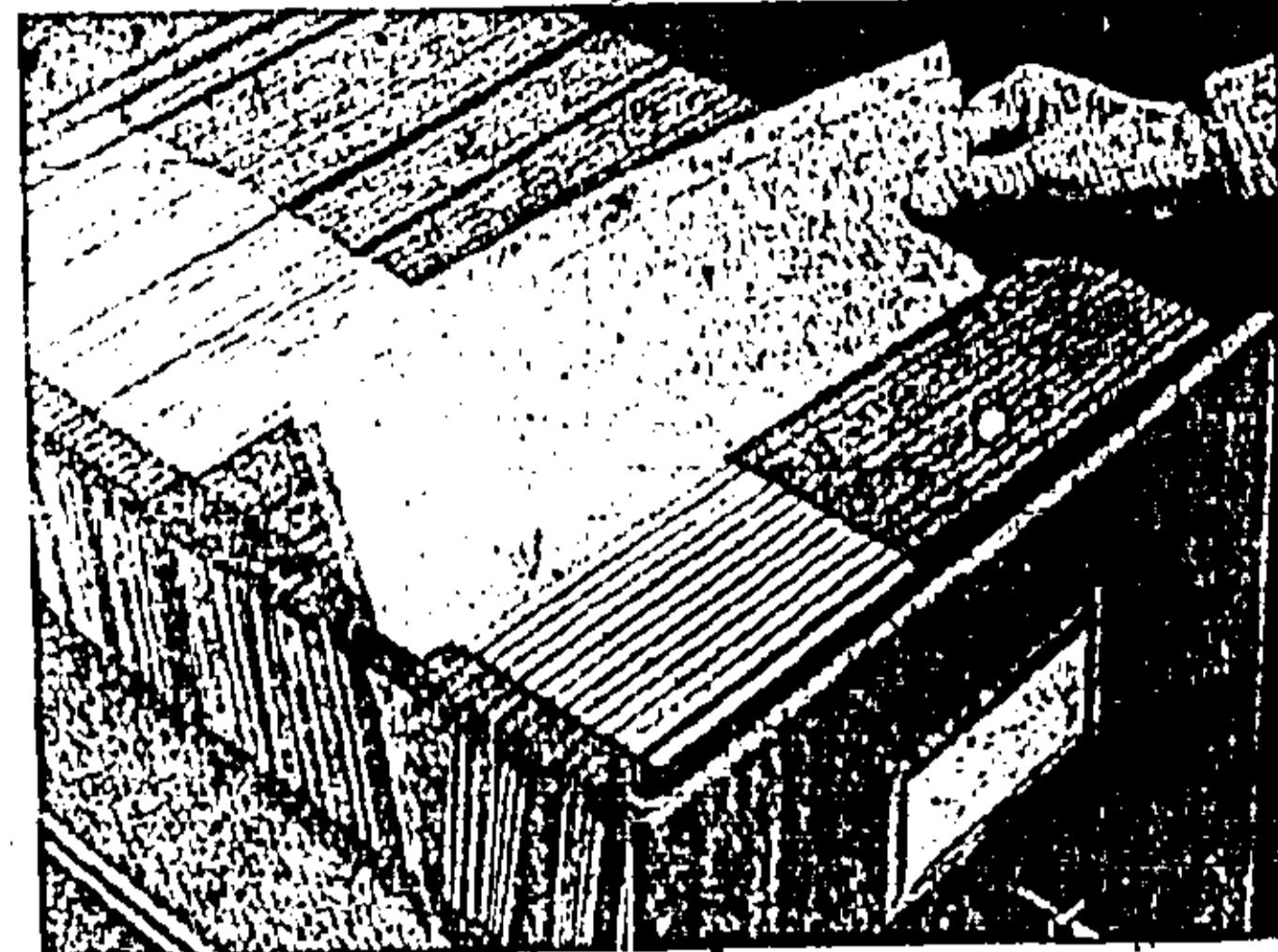
Putzi said he quickly lost favour with the Nazis, who marked him as a victim of the Roehm purge.

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IN THE GOODS of Stuart Longfield of 1 Duddell Street, Hong Kong in China, formerly of 447 Killinghall Road in the City of Bradford, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 9th day of August, 1947.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 12th day of July, 1947.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG

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Dated the 11th day of July, 1947.

DEACOONS,

Solicitors for the Executrix, Prince's Building, HONG KONG.

SCRAP IRON AVAILABLE

Washington, July 20.

A U.S. Navy survey group reported today that there are about 100,000 tons of scrap iron available in the Pacific area for return to the United States.

The group found another 115,000 tons which it is "not physically feasible to return."

The group said the Navy itself "has neither the money nor the personnel, nor the ships to process or return the scrap."—United Press.

RENEWED JEWISH TERRORISM IN PALESTINE

Jerusalem, July 20. Jewish terrorists tonight attacked headquarters of the 1st British Infantry Division near Tel Aviv, using mortars and automatic weapons in the attack. The attack on the strongly guarded camp took place after dark.

No casualties have so far been reported. A bomb penetrated the camp's perimeter, the official statement said.

The terrorists, using "Tel Aviv mortars" made of drain pipes, rained a barrage of bombs at the camp. They also used Bren gun, tracer and small arm fire.

The terrorists, who are believed to be Irgun Zvai Leumi "shock troops," were driven without causing any casualties.

News of the attack followed an announcement by the commander of the 1st Infantry Division, Major General Gale, that Nathanya, Palestine's "diamond town" would remain under its now seven days old military rule until the two kidnapped British sergeants were freed.

One hour before midnight tonight, a heavy explosion rocked Jerusalem as wailing sirens called troops to emergency stations.

Railway Attacks

Meanwhile, it was officially announced that a dusk-to-dawn curfew was being imposed on Haifa tonight.

Jewish terrorists struck at the Palestine railway system in the Jerusalem, Jaffa, Rehovoth and Haifa areas early today, damaging a goods train engine and slightly damaging the tracks in two places.

The train and track were damaged near Jaffa when a mine had exploded on the line.

A British soldier was killed and two British soldiers wounded when their lorry was blown up by a road mine near Ramana, south of Nathanya, today.

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Mrs. Bush "Guest" Of Kempeitai

Under cross-examination before No. 7 War Crimes Court yesterday, Captain Ushiyama Yukio claimed that towards the end of her detention Mrs. Kaneko Bush, realising that it would not be an easy matter for her to earn a living outside, applied to him for permission to remain at Western Kempeitai Headquarters and that he did her a favour by granting her application.

The proceedings took an unexpected turn yesterday afternoon, when Ushiyama expressed a wish to change his defence counsel, Mr. Kiichi Murata. Addressing the Court, Mr. Murata said that in view of Ushiyama's attitude, he would refuse to defend him any further.

Captain Ushiyama Yukio is together with Sgt. Major Ishiyama Kakuei; Sgt. Major Morino Suzuki and Sgt. Major Matsuyama Hiroshi, charged with being concerned in the ill-treatment of prisoners in custody at Western Kempeitai Headquarters between Dec. 30, 1941 and Feb. 17, 1946, causing death to some physical sufferings to others.

Ushiyama agreed that it was one of his duties to keep himself informed regarding interrogations which took place at the Western Kempeitai Headquarters, but maintained that he had only a general knowledge of such interrogations. He was not acquainted with the details of these interrogations.

Responsibility

He never carried out any interrogations himself, even though a case might be of importance. The only interrogation he ever carried out was that of a Japanese Officer. He never allotted any cases to his subordinates for interrogation, as it was not part of his duty to make such allotment. The Section which effected the arrest of a suspect would handle the case.

Ushiyama said that, generally, evidence was obtained before an arrest took place.

When no evidence was available, it was most important to obtain a confession from the person arrested. His unit only dealt with cases in which persons were arrested on the strength of evidence supplied by people victimized.

Ushiyama was responsible to his superiors for the supervision of his subordinates, but the latter would be personally responsible for the commission of any criminal act. He took disciplinary action against his subordinates, but never awarded them any penal punishment.

Ushiyama declared that torture was not permitted at the Western Kempeitai Headquarters. If any tortures did take place, then the person responsible for such tortures was guilty of an unlawful act.

Mrs. Bush

Ushiyama denied having interrogated Mrs. Kaneko Bush, who was handed over to the Police Affairs Section after it was discovered that she was connected with Japanese deserters. He believed that she was interrogated from time to time for about half a month, although her case was not considered as one of much importance.

Ushiyama agreed that nobody who was arrested on his orders could be released from Western Kempeitai Headquarters without his authority. He admitted, however, that there were cases in which Chinese Gendarmerie Police did release persons whom they had arrested of their own accord.

Mrs. Bush never was arrested. An application was made for her to be called as a witness and the application was granted. He described the period of Mrs. Bush's detention at Western Kempeitai Headquarters as "a slight confinement."

Asked To Stay

Ushiyama claimed that towards the end of her period of detention, Mrs. Bush was practically free and that when she realised it was no easy matter to make a living outside, she applied for permission to stay at the Western Kempeitai

Police Drive On Hawkers

As the result of a Police drive against unlicensed cigarette hawkers, six men, 16 women, and nine juveniles were arrested by S/I Dow and raiding party in various parts of Tsingtao and Yaumutai on Saturday.

On their appearance before Mr. W.H. Latimer yesterday they were fined \$10 each with the exception of a 53-year-old man, a 17-year-old youth, and three juveniles.

The old man told His Worship

that he was unemployed; he expressed a wish to be sent back to the country. He was ordered expelled.

The 17-year-old was described by Inspector J. Orem (who prosecuted in all cases) as a "habitual hawker" and was fined \$15 or five days' imprisonment. Three juveniles were discharged.

A total of 18,002 cigarettes of all brands were seized during the raids and confiscated to the I. and E. Department.

Sentenced For Grave Offence

Found guilty of having had carnal knowledge with two girls under the age of 13, Tui Shuhang, aged 16, was sentenced to six years imprisonment with hard labour by the Pulse Judge, Mr. Justice Williams, at the Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr. Clifford, for the Crown said that accused and the mothers of the girls lived at 305 Queen's Road West. As the result of complaints by one of the girls, the accused was taxed and after a while, admitted the offence. He had been living in the front cubicle and had been supplied with food by one of the parents.

Accused in the witness box was subjected to cross-examination, during which he stated that he felt faint. He was given a few minutes rest and then allowed a chair. The jury did not retire and in passing sentence, Mr. Justice Williams told the accused that the maximum sentence for such an offence was life. In view of his youth he would be sentenced to six years on each count, the sentence to run concurrently.

Ushiyama declared that he had never heard of such a thing, as the water torture while in the Kempeitai organization, nor had he seen or heard of a person being hung up.

Hearing will be resumed at 10 a.m. today.

FOOD AND FUEL COSTS

The Labour Officer announces that the food and fuel costs for the week ending July 10, 1947, were:-
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AUSTRALIA'S NEW ROLE

Lord Montgomery's official visit to Australia and New Zealand marks a new chapter in the British story. For it suggests the day when Britain, instead of having to protect a weak Australia, may entrust her interests in the Pacific to the protection of a lusty young nation. A similar historic terminal event was Lord Kitchener's visit in 1909, signifying the end of Australia's colonial phase in international politics, and her emergence as a secondary, distant European Power. Today, the tour of the Chief of the Imperial General Staff writes Finis to that paradoxical European phase in Australia's development, and opens a chapter in which she is accepted at last in her obviously predestined role of a new Asiatic and Pacific Power, with primary responsibility for maintaining the British position in this vast area. That broad change having already been largely achieved over the past four years, Lord Montgomery's mission has been concerned not so much with high policy as with the practical means of giving effect to a policy already adopted. Australia was in dire need of practical advice and assistance. The growth of her defence power since 1939 has barely been able to keep pace with the diminution of that of Britain east of Suez. Australians believe that in any future war the United Kingdom is likely to be so involved in home defence against atomic weapons that she would be unable to intervene effectively further east than the Mediterranean basin. Australia thus faces the possibility of practical war-time isolation from Britain. This situation is further complicated by the growth of the nationalist movements in Indonesia and South-East Asia. At least these might deprive Singapore of a friendly hinterland. At worst they might entail the rapid loss of Singapore and the neutralisation of Trincomalee as well as Hong Kong. The basic problem is thus to prepare quickly for a future in which Australia and New Zealand must be sufficiently strong to conduct a war with their own resources, plus whatever men, ships, planes and other material Britain has in the Pacific area on the outbreak of hostilities. Mr. Chifley's Government has attacked this problem with foresight and vigour. The policy of Dr. Evatt, Minister for External Affairs, consists broadly in trying to achieve one of three aims—in order of desirability—either, first, to transform the United Nations into an effective instrument for peace; or, secondly, to secure the utmost defence co-operation with other units of the British Empire; together with whatever Pacific allies can be found; or, last, to build up as many neighbouring allies as possible. If this pattern of policy fails the recent and projected conferences of Pacific Powers, designed to eliminate possible causes of friction and to further friendly relations, Dr. Evatt is also doing his utmost to secure the permanent demilitarisation of Japan, and is flying to Tokyo shortly to confer on this and other points with General MacArthur. Dr. Evatt repeatedly gives expression to the belief of the Australian people that by increasing the power and importance of its existing units the British Commonwealth can more than com-

The Role Of Sterling In World Trade

By Dr. George Gretton

In his speech at the Labour Party Conference recently Mr. Hugh Dalton, Chancellor of Britain's Exchequer, after saying that Britain's most immediate problem was to close the gap between imports and exports, declared: "We must not count, and I hope, we do not count, on raising any further overseas credits." This concise declaration has been welcomed in financial circles in London, as putting an end to a growing crop of rumour that Britain was seeking a fresh dollar loan.

Mr. Dalton mentioned two factors as primarily responsible for the unexpectedly high rate at which the existing dollar loan is being used up, first, the steep rise in the prices of goods in the Western Hemisphere; and secondly the slow recovery of trade and industry in the war-shattered countries of the Eastern Hemisphere and Asia, which makes it impossible for Britain to use her export surplus to these areas in payment for her import surplus in her trade with "hard" currency areas. But the remedy for this state of affairs is not another dollar loan: It is increased exports; and if the increase is insufficient to bridge Britain's adverse trading-balance with "hard" currency countries, then there will have to be drastic reductions in Britain's imports from those countries. It is, at any rate clear, that production for export still has an overriding priority in the Government's economic policy.

Sterling Convertibility

Rumour has been as busy with sterling convertibility as with the dollar loan. The Chancellor of the Exchequer did not refer to the subject in his speech at the Labour Party Conference, but it was always certain that the Treasury had no intention of seeking for a postponement of the date—July 15—on which sterling was to become convertible. This convertibility applies to current trading transactions and for many months now Britain has been negotiating trade agreements with various countries, giving them the right to immediate convertibility.

New sterling, says a leading financial expert in the City, acquired out of the proceeds of current trade transactions, will be expendable for current trade transactions in "hard" currency countries. This would mean that it is the latter who would claim convertibility of their sterling balances into their own currencies. It is a process by which sterling conversion could not be misused for non-commercial transfers or for accumulating "hard" currency reserves; but it is confidently expected that the countries concerned will see that it is in their own interest to co-operate with Britain in carrying out the spirit, as well as the letter, of the conversion arrangements.

Sterling Promotes Trade

That the traditional reputation of sterling as the world's most desirable trading-currency

presents for any temporary exhaustion of the United Kingdom and can enter a new and more brilliant era of British history. The Minister of Defence, Mr. Dedman, has recently announced details of Australia's record defence budget, totalling £250 million spread over five years—a heavy load for a nation of seven million people. It includes provision for an effective naval squadron built around two modern aircraft-carriers, which will be purchased from Britain. The air force will be expanded and adjusted to Australia's peculiar needs. It seems likely that Lord Montgomery's talks have embraced plans for the concentration of United Kingdom naval units at Singapore and Australia's, at Sydney and Matus in the event of war, and a scheme to send Australian technicians to Britain to study atomic developments and scientific weapons such as the latest rockets and jet aircraft. Royal Navy experts are already in Sydney instructing Australian personnel in the technique of building aircraft-carriers. A British military mission is testing rockets, guided projectiles and supersonic planes in Australia's central wilderness. There is a proposal that British airborne forces should be trained out in Australia. All these things increase Australia's military potential, and thus automatically strengthen the British Commonwealth, even more than com-

is as high as ever has become clearer and clearer in the course of all the discussions about sterling convertibility and sterling balances, as well as in the negotiations leading to recent trade and monetary agreements with various countries. The new strength of the dollar as a creditor-currency is undeniable; but its rigidity as the dominating "hard" currency has perhaps led to a dollar security that is an obstacle to multilateral trading.

It has always been a unique quality of sterling that it acts as a stimulator for world trade development. Today, the Soviet Union is looking to London for credits to develop Anglo-Russian trade; and another example is Hungary. A private credit of £50,000 has been approved by the British Treasury for that country, and from the proceeds derived from raw materials to be financed by the credit the Hungarian National Bank will be able to set aside a small amount of foreign exchange towards the eventual liquidation of pre-war British short-term banking debts. This is an in-

creasing example of the way in which the trading needs of other countries are met by London banking.

"We Live By Exports"

By means of an illustrated booklet with this title the British authorities are bringing home to the numbeat citizen the vital role of exports in the British economy. In a foreword to the booklet, which contains facts, figures, and arguments about the export drive, Sir Stafford Cripps, President of Britain's Board of Trade, says: "It is a tribute to the resilience of our industries and the perseverance of our people that in spite of every difficulty, our volume of exports has already passed the pre-war level".

The booklet explains in simple language that today Britain's exports must pay for more than three-quarters of Britain's import needs, as compared with only one-half before the war. The present aim is to raise the volume of exports to 40 per cent, above the 1938 volume by the end of 1947; but the eventual aim is to reach an increase of 75 per cent. By the end of 1946, Britain was producing exports at the rate of 112 per cent. of the 1938 volume; but ground was lost through the fuel crisis and bad weather, and this lost ground has now to be made up.

It is rightly emphasized that this export effort, vital though it is to Britain's own economy, has a wider purpose too, because "by all-out production, by re-equipping British industries, and by planning jointly with other nations, the general level of world trade will be raised."

Atomic Energy For Vaccines

BY FRANK CAREY

A Notre Dame University chemist believes vaccines, for combating disease may be produced on a large scale with the aid of atomic energy.

Answering a reporter's question regarding brief references he has made concerning such a possibility in the past, Dr. Hilton Burton, one of the key workers on America's wartime atomic bomb project, gave this outline:

Vaccines against certain virus diseases contain germs which have been "inactivated"—this is, the part of the germ that causes infection has been destroyed. The organism still is able, however, to stimulate the production of "antibodies"—nature's own defence mechanism—in the body of the person vaccinated.

At present, one of the methods of "inactivating" viruses is exposure of them to ultra-violet rays.

But ultra-violet radiation is of low penetration, allowing treatment of only a thin layer of viruses at one time.

On the other hand, rays produced in atomic energy plants when uranium atoms are split, are extremely penetrating, thus permitting possible treatment of large quantities of material.

"If the time ever comes," said Burton, "when we would want to make large quantities of vaccine quickly, I believe radiation of the type produced in atomic energy units would provide the answer."

Burton was one of the leaders of a symposium on radiation chemistry and photochemistry held at Notre Dame University recently, at which scientists from the United States, Great Britain and Canada attended. Radiation chemistry covers changes produced in chemical substances by atomic rays while photochemistry relates to changes effected by the action of light.

Large scale production of vaccines is only one of the things envisaged by Burton as an outgrowth of the availability of penetrating, high-energy radiation that can be produced in large quantities in atomic energy units.

He and Dr. James Franck of the University of Chicago reported to the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission some time ago that the ability of atomic radiations to produce changes in chemical substances might conceivably lead to these developments.

1. The artificial production of certain drugs which now can be produced only by living plants.

2. The conversion of natural gas into new and possibly industrially important products.

3. The sterilization of water and sewage by radiations from an atomic energy plant being used at the same time for the production of power.

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S K 7 H K 8 D None C K Q 10 9 8 7 6 5 2 (Dealer: West, North-South vulnerable.)

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The suspicious opponent,

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"PRELIMINARY OPERATIONS" BEGIN IN JAVA

Midnight Swoop On Republican Offices

Hard Fighting Said To Have Started

Batavia, July 20.
Dutch forces began "preliminary operations" against the Indonesian Republicans in Java at midnight tonight from all Dutch-held perimeters in Java, with a swoop on Republican buildings and suspected persons in preparation for an outbreak of hostilities which some observers forecast for dawn tomorrow. If fighting starts, the Dutch attacks would presumably be launched from all the Dutch-held perimeters with the main drive concentrating on the Republican National capital of Jakarta in the island's centre, some 300 miles from the Dutch base of Batavia.

Preparations for tonight's taking over of Batavia's Republican-held buildings by the Dutch began early, with considerable activity on the streets and in the army and police headquarters, while it has been reported that the Dutch authorities have arrested the Indonesian Vice-Premier, Mr. A. K. Gani, his guards, and the complete household of Dr. Sultan Sjahri, Batavia resident.

Then, armed with rifles, pistols and Tommy-guns, police and Dutch soldiers arrived in motor lorries at the railway stations, post office, Republican departmental buildings and other public utilities and took them over without resistance.

The Republican authorities had earlier instructed their employees not to offer resistance. They paid out two months' salary to each employee and as much rations as were available from Republican sources and told them to start a non-cooperation campaign from tomorrow morning.

Guerrilla War?

Telephone communications were silent as the Dutch swoops began. Through misinterpretation of a military order, the Central Cable Office was also ordered to cease operations, but not until after correspondents had sent out first reports on tonight's developments.

The extent of Republican resistance remains problematical, with at least two of their divisions in East Java, based on the hill town of Malang, another in Central Java and two more in the west, the Republicans are expected, if fighting breaks out, to resist fiercely. The initial Dutch attacks and then fall back into Java's jungles-covered mountains. They could carry on a very difficult guerrilla war.

The Dutch Prime Minister, Dr. Louis Beel, in broadcast to the Dutch people tonight, said that his Government was resuming freedom of action in Indonesia and had authorised Dr. Hubertus Van Mook, Lieutenant Governor-General of the Dutch East Indies, to carry out police action with the forces at his disposal.

Dutch Statement

He said that the Netherlands Government has authorised the Lieutenant Governor-General, in

view of the continuation and even intensification of hostilities, demolitions etc, to use the forces at his disposal to undertake police action in order to achieve what the Republic itself appears incapable of.

Dr. Beel declared that the Government "has been as accommodating as possible towards the Republic, showing full appreciation for the healthy Nationalist current in Indonesia," but that it "cannot tolerate" daily violations of the Linggadjati Agreement.

"The Government adheres to the principles of Linggadjati," he said.

As soon as leadership of the Republic is prepared and capable of real cooperation in accordance with Linggadjati, there will be open for the Republic a place equal to that now occupied by the other states of Indonesia."

Dr. Van Mook told the press here that the Dutch had informed the Indonesians that "in view of the continual violations on the Republican side, The Netherlands Government can no longer consider itself bound by the truce and the Linggadjati agreement, and resumes its freedom of action."

Mook's Letter

It was authoritatively stated that Dutch military action in Indonesia would remain localised unless events made it necessary to act otherwise.

In a letter to the Republican Government just before action began, Dr. Hubertus Van Mook said: "The Netherlands Government resume their freedom of action and will take such measures as they deem necessary to end the intolerable situation and, at the same time, guarantee the establishment and maintenance of law and order in such a way that the implementation of the political programme embodied in the Linggadjati agreement becomes possible."

The Dutch action comes as the two months' old crisis between The Netherlands authorities and the Republicans came to a climax, and after the Republicans had made a new peace offer to the Dutch, inviting them to a conference to settle the issues peacefully, or, alternatively, to agree to the appointment of a neutral chairman to arbitrate.

The offer was made in a letter to The Netherlands Commission General signed by Dr. A. K. Gani, the Indonesian Vice-Premier. The outstanding difficulty between the Dutch and Indonesians is still the Dutch demand that the islands should be policed by a joint constabulary.

India's Reaction

The crisis has been going on since May 21, when the Dutch made proposals for a federal interim Government for the whole of Indonesia under the Dutch Crown, pending the carrying out of the Linggadjati agreement providing for a United States of Indonesia by Jan. 1, 1949.

No official Dutch reaction to Dr. Gani's letter has so far been received, but authoritative Dutch circles here said that it was certain to be rejected.

Dr. Van Mook was expected to cable the contents of the letter to The Hague, and then to confer with his naval and army commanders on The Hague's reply to his latest recommendations.

Dutch Government circles said today that alternative landing fields, avoiding India, had already been tentatively arranged for KLM (Dutch Air Line) planes flying on the Amsterdam-Batavia route.

They discounted, however, as extremely unlikely the possibility of India declaring war.

Republican sources here expressed their belief in the possibility that India would take the sternest possible measures against Holland, if war broke out, in Indonesia before the case came before the Security Council.

Sydney Action

Dutch Government circles indicated that they would strongly oppose the Indonesian question being raised in the Security Council.

Indonesia, consisting of about 12,000 islands or groups of islands, has a total area of 729,397 square miles. Recuperation of the islands after the Japanese surrender was mainly effected by British troops under an agreement signed with the Dutch in August 1945.

Evacuation of British and Indian troops will be completed by November 1946.

Disposition of British troops

DR. MANIU ARRESTED

Bucharest, July 20.
Dr. Jules Maniu, 74-year-old Rumanian Opposition National Peasant leader, has been arrested and imprisoned.

The Rumanian Chamber of Deputies yesterday lifted Parliamentary immunity from Dr. Maniu and five other Peasant Party deputies.

Dr. Maniu, who was Prime Minister in 1928-1930 and again in 1932-33, was stated earlier this week to be under police surveillance at a sanatorium, where he was undergoing treatment.—Reuters.

Monty's Hand Is Aching

Invercargill, July 21.
Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery's arrival by air at Invercargill, New Zealand's southernmost city, was prevented by a sudden fall of snow on Sunday, which made the aerodrome untenable.

This upset the original plan of welcome to the great disappointment of the Southlanders who are noted for their hospitality.

The Field Marshal's aircraft was forced to land at an airport near Dunedin and the party proceeded the 140 miles to Invercargill over roads deep in snow.

Lord Montgomery has had to excuse himself from handshaking for the remainder of his tour. He said his hand first showed signs of strain in Australia and the big powerful men of New Zealand have practically finished it off, he said.

A heavy headache now gave him much pain. Lord Montgomery had a slight cold on Sunday morning and remained in his room. He left at 1400 for Dunedin by car.—Associated Press.

Hard Fighting

London, July 20.
Radio Moscow, quoting reports from The Hague, said today that hostilities began yesterday at various points in Java and Sumatra, with "hardest fighting" in the neighbourhood of Sourabaya, Bandoeng and Palembang.

The broadcast said "Dutch artillery killed many civilians in Bandoeng" and quoted a spokesman of the Indonesian Army that "the Republic has had to reply to force with force."—United Press.

Blitz Move

Batavia, July 21.
Dutch troops, including American-trained Marine Commandos, opened the offensive against the Indonesian Republic this morning after the failure of long-deadlocked independence negotiations.

The attack opened with the blitz seizure, shortly before midnight, of all Republican buildings in Batavia and the arrest of approximately 200 prominent rebels.

The Dutch Lieutenant-Governor, Dr. Hubertus van Mook, announced the long-awaited attack on the Republic at midnight. He said: "We will conduct localized warfare if events do not force us to do otherwise."

This was believed to mean that between midnight and dawn Dutch troops, long in position, had started operations at other key points.

It was announced that all cables leading from Batavia had been put under "security review" for the duration of the campaign. (This presumably meant military censorship.)

Dr. van Mook, announcing the opening of operations, said that if the Republican leaders changed their attitude, "we will take it into consideration."

Saboteurs

At a midnight press conference

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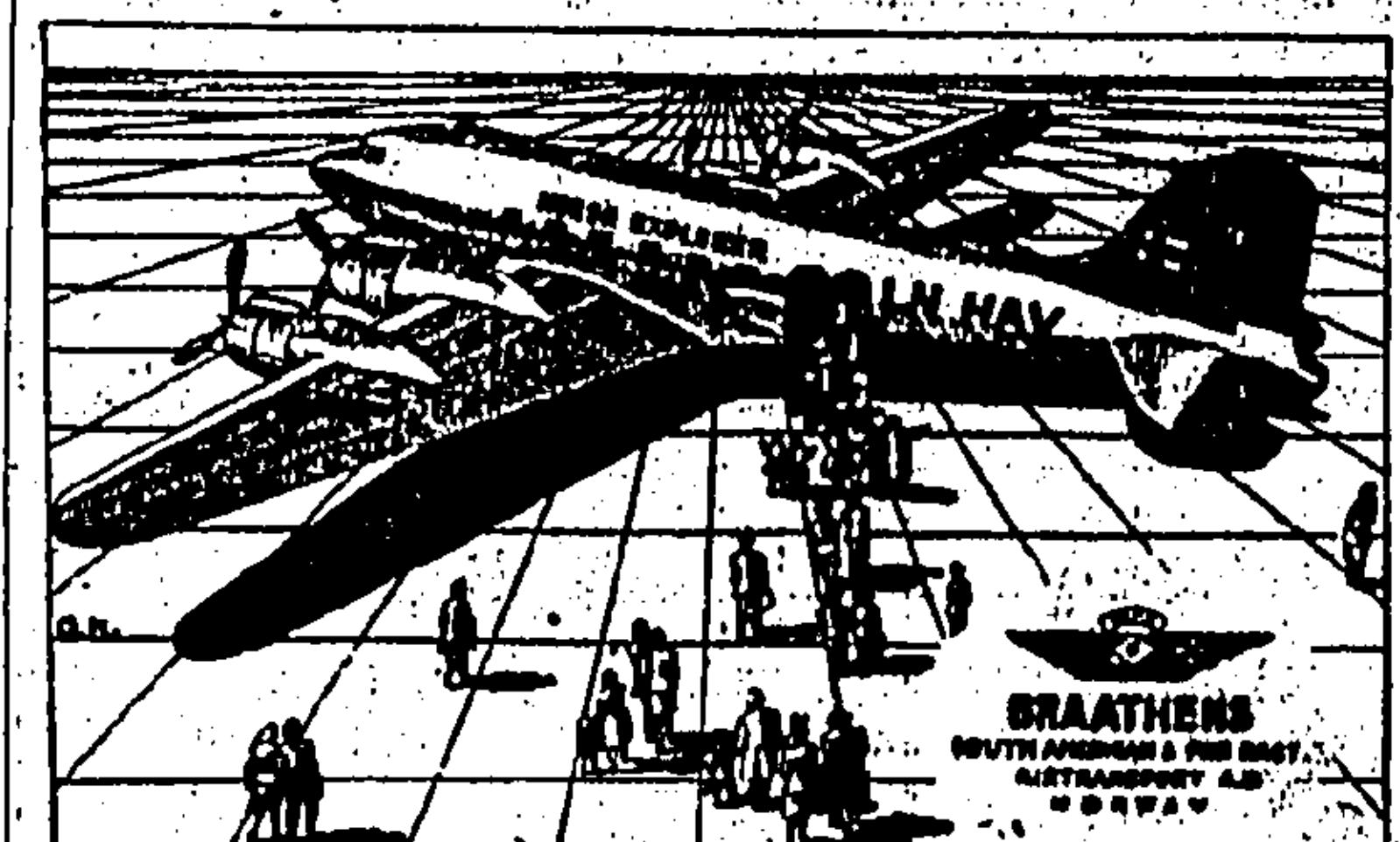
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RECORD EMPLOYMENT FIGURE REPORTED IN AMERICA

New York, July 21.

The largest employment figure in history was reported this week, industrial production hummed at record pace, labour and management had reached working agreements on most fronts—business was good.

There was just one flaw in the picture, a flaw which many feared might spread like a cancerous growth. President Harry S. Truman put it in words in his message vetoing the tax cut bill when he said:

Price stability at solid levels has not been secured.

Whether the President was right or wrong was debated.

Inflation is here—or around the corner—or under control—it depended on which economist or businessman you listened to. The week's news developments offered no clear guide to the future, showed only the basic facts of pent production, employment and income.

Strains in the price structure appeared in a few spots but they could be significant:

Coal Prices Up

Soft coal production snapped back to normal, or near normal, and the price went up too, retail and wholesale.

Dealers throughout the nation announced advances of 50 cents to \$2.00 a ton and more. Anthracite also advanced.

The Socony Vacuum Oil Company, Atalante Refining Company, and the American Oil Company boosted gasoline prices in some areas and the Sun Oil Company said it had a higher price schedule in the offing.

In Washington Senator Caphart, of Indiana, stated "a growing shortage of petroleum products in this country" now has reached 700,000 barrels a day and "is threatening to skyrocket petrolium prices."

Crude oil advanced in many areas during the past month. Standard Oil of Ohio rationed supplies.

Harold B. Feil, executive vice president of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, said:

Steel Prices

"The fact is, there is no shortage of oil. There is no danger of an oil shortage."

In Pittsburgh and other steel making centers, steel scrap advanced, and dealers said there were indications that further advances might develop within the next few days.

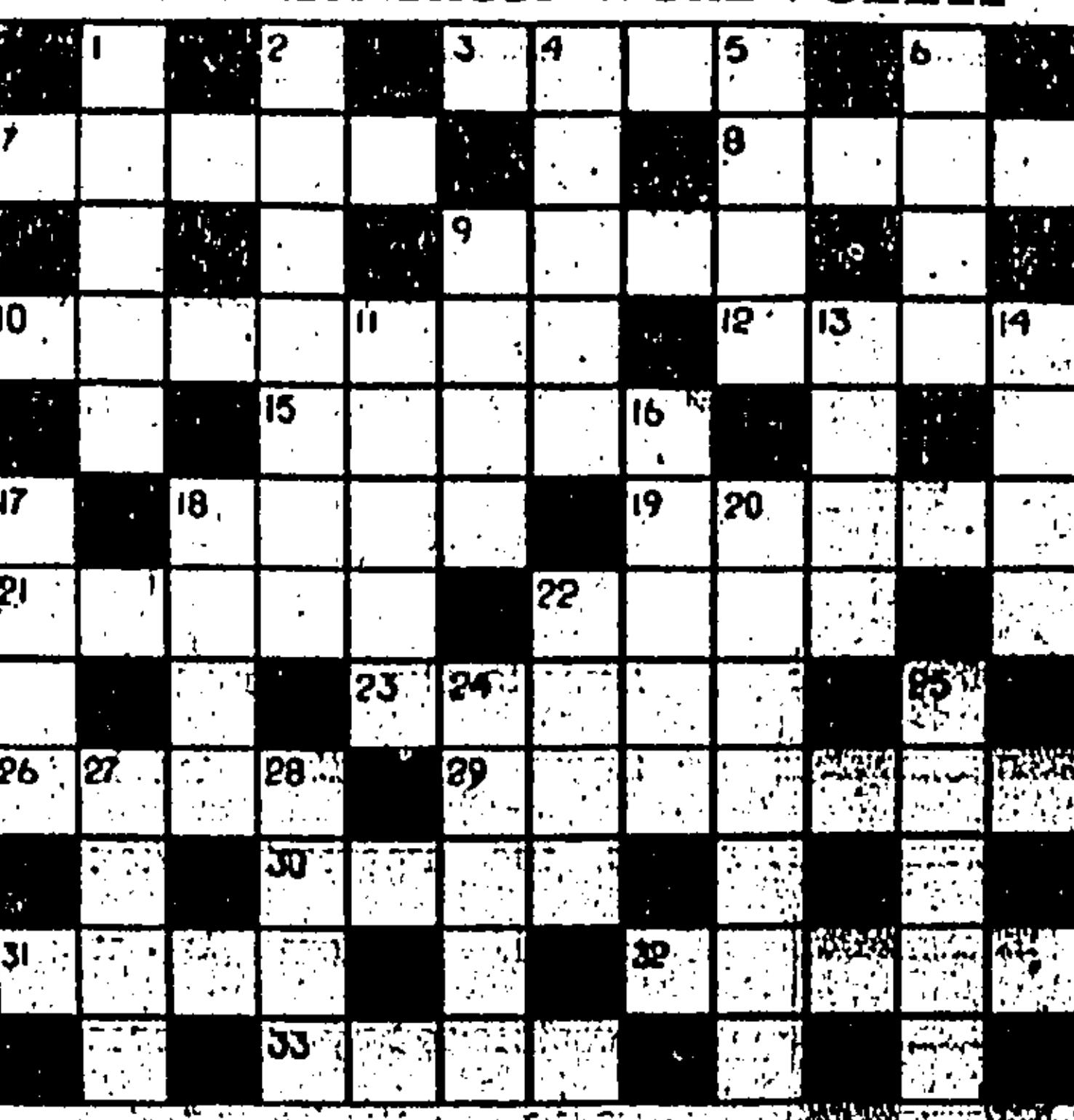
Steel mills were busy buyers, however, and most of the business was done by brokers.

Higher steel scrap, plus higher coil, both essentials to steel making, could pave the way to higher steel prices.

Hal Benjamin Fairless, president of the giant United States Steel Corporation, said in Honolulu that his company would not increase the price of steel until "a fair test" is made of cost factors created by the new coal-wage agreement. And George M. Humphrey, head of the world's largest commercial coal company, held out the hope of lower coal prices later this year.

Gloomy View

"If the coal operation which has been promised by the miners union is realized," the president said that no other country was

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE**Clues Across**

- Destiny.
- Self-satisfied.
- Eager.
- Undermines.
- Nourishment.
- Box.
- Window.
- Cease.
- Peculiarly.
- Requested.
- Leaves.
- Amass.
- Advance.
- Underlines.
- Box.
- Box.
- Extinct.
- On the move.
- Profound.
- Self-satisfied.
- Moral.
- Boisterous.
- Plas.
- Devastation.
- Extinct.
- On the move.
- Profound.
- Boundary.
- Diminut.
- Pass over lightly.
- Lovely.
- Lady of high rank.
- Leg bone.
- Twist.
- Feature.
- State.
- Solemnly.
- Poke.

Yesterday's Crossword

- Across: 1. Stitch; 7. Apex; 9. Brown; 10. Cancer; 11. Dile; 13. Invincibles; 15. Rent; 16. Firm; 19. Immortals; 22. Lots; 24. Regal; 25. Police; 26. Vast; 27. Dilute.
- Down: 2. Thump; 3. Tango; 4. Hectic; 5. Wanderer; 6. Year; 8. Poled; 12. Extol; 13. Infer; 14. Rummaged; 17. Riles; 18. Parallel; 20. Egotist; 21. Dolor; 23. Oral.

STALIN'S OFFER

London, July 20.
The diplomatic correspondent of the Sunday newspaper "The People" said today that Generalissimo Stalin has offered Britain 600,000 tons of grain, "which may well restore the European balance of power to this country and bring us relief by helping to release us from the dollar grip."

The dispatch said, Stalin had been playing "a high-powered role" behind the diplomatic scene and a few days ago reversed a Molotov decision by instructing the Trade Minister, M. Mikoyan, to increase the latest Russian offer of 600,000 tons of grain over the next few years to ten times that amount.

Leon Henderson, former OPA chief, took a gloomier view. The nation is headed for a price colapse rivaling the 1920 slump, he said, unless consumer buying power is jacked up.

Senator Robert Taft of Ohio countered with "everybody has

more money than ever before."

Who was right and who was wrong, nobody knows.—Associated Press.

Plan To Stimulate Trade

London, July 20.
The Customs Union of Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg will present a plan to stimulate European trade by making the currencies of subscribing countries convertible into one another, in a memorandum to the Committee for European Economic Cooperation.

It is understood that the scheme was still under discussion in Brussels and The Hague, and that talks will be resumed in Paris tomorrow.

The scheme would include a dollar fund to be established with the aid of the United States to cover possible deficits in the balance of payments. Customs Union experts believe that by "internationalizing" currencies, deficits in payment balances would largely cancel each other out and decrease the amount of dollars needed. Dollars drawn from the fund to cover a deficit would be used by the recipient country for purchases in the United States.

Some opposition was expected to come from Scandinavian countries which have shown reservations regarding extensions of multilateral trade.—Reuters.

H.K. Stock Exchange

A moderate turnover was recorded during the day and indications point to a hardening of quotations.

He praised the way the Yugoslavs "today are solving their problems", regretting that there is not "greater friendship between the two countries which would contribute to world peace."—Reuters.

Private**Fortunes****To Be Taxed**

Budapest, July 20.
The Communist newspaper, Szabadsag, reported yesterday that private fortunes and enterprises exceeding 75,000 forint (\$8,250) will be taxed from six to 25 per cent to help finance the three-year plan.

The property of those caught evading the tax will be subject to confiscation.

Meanwhile, Leftist papers are demanding government intervention in the current wage/tax-off war between trade unions and the National Association of Manufacturers who are seeking to meet wage increases with price increases.—United Press.

Rome, July 20.
The police paid a visit to five more restaurants in the general black market crack-down bringing the total number of closed eating places for infraction of food laws during the past three days to 45.—United Press.

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JAP CAPITALIST FEARS Prospects Of Real Post-War Slump Honeyed Words To U.S.

Tokyo, July 21.
Many top Japanese officials are worried about prospects of a real post-war slump, saying that American economic help must arrive quickly if this country is to be converted into a bulwark against Communism.

The authors of such fears contend that without a strong national foundation based on a stable economy, Japan is more likely to degenerate into a hotbed of Communism than to emerge an American ally in an anti-Red line-up. They argue that if the United States is to assume the role of stabiliser in the Pacific and the Orient, stable Japan will contribute greatly toward a new world order which appears rapidly to be assuming shape.

It is assumed by such Japanese that Gen. MacArthur's curbs on Communist extremists in Japan already indicated such a policy on the part of the United States. Hence, it is argued, if this policy is to be consolidated and brought to fruition,

It should be remembered that the bulk of such talk generates from Japanese capitalist elements while ostensibly a socialist government is in power for the first time in Japanese history.

Much of their attitude embodies the idea that "we have an Uncle Sam in future will have a great deal in common." Some goes so far as to hope that despite the efforts to speed up a peace settlement, United States armed protection of Japan should continue until such time as the stability of Japanese internal economy and social conditions are thoroughly assured.

Currently, such talk appears to coincide with far more general resentment of the new government's policies for Japan's rehabilitation. Early after its installation one leading Cabinet member wishfully predicted a tenure of two years for Premier Tetsu Katayama, arguing that such a period was the minimum required for an effective economic programme. Today there are signs that the Premier is in more precarious position now than at that time.

Price Boosting

The government's price legislation was marked by a sudden three-fold increase in prices, including the cost of Japan's state-owned transportation, which provoked wide cries of protest not only among business circles but from agricultural and fishing communities as well.

Whether this boosting of prices will prove a preventive to inflation—Japan's number one economic problem—or not is for the experts to decide.

United Press.

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Activity was also evident in Pinstra which opened at \$11.30 a 100, went up to \$11.40, fell back to \$11.20, and rallied again to close at \$11.30.

There was also an improvement in Chinese National Currency, which closed steady at 11 1/4 cents for futures and 15 3/4 cents for spot (for CN\$1,000).

U.S. dollars were easier at \$4.82 1/2, while Sterling was stronger at \$13.24. Australian pounds were again unchanged at \$12.50.

DON JUAN STEPS OUT

Salerno, July 20.
Don Juan of Bourbon, Prince of Asturias and Pretender to the Spanish throne, visited night amusement places here last night.

Accompanied by several gentlemen of his retinue, Don Juan entered in Salerno night clubs into the wee hours.—United Press.

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